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D20 PLUMBING/PIPING/VESSELS GENERAL

D20GEN (PROGRAMMATIC AND FACILITY)

1.0 CODES AND STANDARDS

- A. Piping shall be installed to the governing Code(s) and LANL Construction Specifications. Governing Codes include:
 - 1. 1997 IAPMO Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC, reference Section D10-30GEN).
 - 2. ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)
 - a. Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (latest edition unless changed by WSS) ¹
 - b. B31.1, Power Piping (2001 until changed by WSS) ¹
 - c. B31.3, Process Piping.²
 - d. B31.4, Pipeline Transportation for Liquid Hydrocarbons, and other Liquids.²
 - e. B31.5, Refrigeration Piping.²
 - f. B31.8, Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems. ²
 - g. B31.9, Building Services Piping.²

2.0 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

2.1 General

A Comply with the IAPM

- A. Comply with the IAPMO UPC and AWWA M14, "Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention Criterion," for cross connection control from non-potable sources or substances including, but not limited to, HVAC water systems, lawn sprinklers, fire protection systems, potable water outlets with hose fittings, etc., unless otherwise noted.
- B. Provide devices or assemblies installed for the prevention of backflow that have been approved and listed in the latest edition of Approved Backflow Prevention Assemblies by the University of Southern California Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research.³
 - 1. Guidance: List available from FWO-Maintenance & Systems Engineering Group, CCBF SME.

¹ WSS Focus Team voted to invoke the noted edition per meeting 1/23/02 minutes. (EMref 1) (Note: EMref refers to a Standards Program internal filing system for hard-to-find references.)

² Nationally recognized standards. Also, when systems exceed the temperature and pressure ratings of the UMC or UPC, nationally recognized standards are used per 1997 IAPMO UMC, Section 1201.1.

³ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 603.1. The University of Southern California is a nationally recognized testing agency. (http://www.usc.edu/dept/fccchr/list/)

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- C. Separate non-potable water from potable water with a reduced-pressure-principle (RPP) backflow preventer (BFP) installed downstream of the building BFP.⁴
 - 1. Design non-potable water systems to minimize the number of BFPs.
 - 2. Provide cross-connection control between HVAC makeup and wet lab sinks to protect lab water purity.
- D. Locate building and fire protection BFPs inside the building to prevent freezing and facilitate maintenance (ESM Mechanical POC must approve outside installations in heated enclosures [e.g., "Hot Boxes"]).⁵
 - 1. For inside installations, provide a floor drain, connected to the sanitary sewer, near the BFP, sized to handle a full-open condition. Do not install BFPs in areas without reliable drainage.
- E. A LANL FWO Utilities & Infrastructure Group water system representative shall approve designs, submittals, and installation of BFPs installed in the site water distribution system outside the building wall.⁶
 - 1. Locate site BFPs above ground in heated enclosures (e.g., "Hot Boxes") set on concrete pads and protect units from freezing.
- F. Provide parallel BFPs if building water supply cannot be interrupted in critical systems.
- G. Refer to the following LANL standards for additional requirements: ⁷
 - 1. ESM Civil Chapter for site water distribution and site BFP.
 - 2. <u>Construction Specifications</u> for fire protection sprinklers in Division 13 for fire riser BFP.
 - 3. Construction Specification 15140, Potable and Non-Potable Water Piping [building BFP]
 - 4. Fire Protection Drawing(s) ST-D4010-1, Fire Sprinkler Risers [with BFP].
 - 5. Mechanical Drawing(s) ST-D10-30GEN-1, Site/Building Water Component Diagram.
 - 6. Mechanical Drawing(s) ST-D2020-2, Pressure Reducing Valve.

2.2 Permanent Buildings

A. Provide an RPP-BFP in the potable water service line for each permanent building.⁸

⁵ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 603.3.7.

⁴ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 602.2.

⁶ LANL Utilities and Infrastructure Group is responsible for the site distribution system.

⁷ The drawings and specifications provide piping details, additional design requirements, and backflow preventer specifications.

⁸ Requirement from LANL Administrative Requirement AR 9-3, August 30, 1991. (EMref -2) ESH-18 (RRES-WQH) rescinded AR-9-3 and requested that the requirements be included into the mechanical chapter and the O&M Manual. Reduced pressure principle backflow preventers protect against all hazards, 1997 IAPMO UPC, Table 6.2.

2.3 Temporary Office Buildings

- A. Provide a pressure-reducing valve (PRV) with a check valve in the potable water service line to each temporary office building (trailer, transportable, etc.).
- B. Refer to Mechanical Standard Drawing, ST-D2020-2, Sheet 2, for PRV detail.

2.4 Temporary Buildings with Chemical or Radiological Labs/Materials

- A. Provide an RPP-BFP in the potable water service line for each temporary building (trailer, transportable, etc.) with a chemical or radiological laboratory.
- B. If chemical (with the exception of house cleaning chemicals) or radiological material is used and stored (no labs) in a temporary building, consult with RRES-WQH, Water Quality and Hydrology Group, to determine if an RPP-BFP is required.

2.5 Fire Protection Systems ⁹

- A. Provide an RPP-BFP in a new fire system sprinkler riser when the fire protection system is supplied from a potable water system. Retrofitting existing systems is not required.
- B. Provide an RPP-BFP upstream of antifreeze loop(s) when a backflow preventer is not installed in the sprinkler riser supplied from a potable water system. Retrofitting existing antifreeze loops is required.
- C. Fire protection systems supplied from a dedicated fire loop or tank (non-potable water) do not require backflow protection.
- D. A LANL Fire Protection Group representative shall determine if parallel BFPs are required in the fire line.
- E. A LANL Fire Protection Group representative shall approve designs, submittals, and installation of BFPs installed in the fire line.

2.6 Landscape Irrigation and Lawn Sprinklers

- A. Provide an RPP-BFP in the potable water line supplying the irrigation system.
- B. Locate the backflow preventer outside above ground in a heated enclosure ("Hot Box") set on a concrete pad or within the building in a heated space.

2.7 Heat Exchangers

A. Heat exchangers used for heat transfer, heat recovery, or solar heating shall protect the potable water system from being contaminated by the heat transfer medium. Refer to the UPC Section 603.4.4 and Appendix L.

⁹ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Sections 603.4.18.2 and 603.4.18.3.

3.0 EXPANSION CONTROL

- A. Expansion Tanks:
 - 1. Provide expansion tanks for all closed loop piping systems and potable/non-potable hot water heating systems. Size per ASHRAE guidance.¹⁰
 - 2. Guidance: Diaphragm (bladder type) tanks are recommended because they prevent air from entering the systems.
 - 3. Locate expansion tank on the suction (low pressure) side of the distribution pumping system to ensure proper operation.
 - 4. Provide ASME-coded expansion tanks for steam/hot water boiler systems designed to operate at or above 30 psig. When tanks are provided for 15-30 psig system, they shall also be code stamped.¹⁰
 - 5. Guidance: Provide vertical models with floor stand when practical for space reasons.

4.0 FREEZE PROTECTION 11

- A. For closed aqueous systems exposed to freezing temperatures -- including and potable and non-potable water (including sprinklers) -- provide freeze protection, such as heater cable or antifreeze, to prevent building and equipment damage when insulation alone will not prevent freezing due to insufficient water flow rate or still water.
- B. Antifreeze: If necessary, provide industrially inhibited propylene glycol (phosphate based) fluid manufactured by the Dow Chemical Company (Dowfrost) or approved equal, complying with ASTM D1384.
 - 1. Guidance: Minimum mixture 50 percent glycol by volume will provide protection down to approximately minus 28 degrees F for still water.
 - 2. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
 - 3. Do not use automatic water make-up systems to prevent system contamination or system dilution. Provide an alarm in lieu of an automatic fill line to detect loss of antifreeze.
- C. Heat Tape: Specify self-regulating heater cable, hard-wired to a dedicated equipment protective device ground fault circuit. Provide a lockable (weatherproof, if outdoors) disconnect switch to facilitate lockout/tagout.¹²
 - 1. Comply with requirements of NEC.

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¹⁰ 2000 HVAC Systems and Equipment ASHRAE Handbook, Chapter 12 suggests tanks. 1997 IAPMO UMC, Section 1007 requires such 30 psig + tanks to be per code. Requiring stamps for 15-30 psig ensures a quality tank, may be less prone to failure and doubt later.

¹¹ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 313.6; DOE O 4330.4B, Section 19.1; and <u>O&M Criterion 401</u>. At 50% mixture, freezing temperature is approximately minus 28 degrees F.

¹² The self-regulating effect allows the cable to be overlapped without creating hot spots or burnout. As the cable self-regulates its heat output, it provides for the efficient use of electric power, producing heat only when and where it is needed and also limiting the maximum sheath temperature.

- 2. Size and install heat tape in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 3. Label piping "Electric Traced" (refer to LANL Construction Specification 15075, Mechanical Identification).
- 4. Guidance: For critical facilities, a circuit continuity alarm may be required to detect loss of electrical power.
- 5. Refer to Mechanical Standard Drawing(s) <u>ST10-30GEN-2</u>, Water Piping Freeze Protection.

5.0 Inspection

A. Comply with inspection requirements in applicable piping codes and LANL Construction Specifications.

6.0 Pressure Systems

- A. All new relief device designs (except packaged compressor and similar assemblies) shall include a calculation report that includes (for rupture disks adjust as appropriate):
 - 1. Manufacturer: Model Number, inlet size and type, outlet size and type, set pressure and units, service fluid, relieving capacity (RC), RC at overpressure %, orifice, trim, ASME code section.
 - 2. Blowdown if critical.
 - 3. Determination of the required relieving flow.
 - 4. Determination of pressure relief valve sizing.
 - 5. Determination of inlet/outlet pressure drop at relieving conditions.
- B. When national consensus codes are not applicable (because of pressure range, vessel geometry, use of special materials, etc.), implement measures to provide equivalent protection and ensure safety equal to or superior to the intent of the ASME code. Measures shall include the following:¹³
 - 1. Design drawings, sketches, and calculations shall be reviewed and approved by an independent design professional. Documented organizational peer review is acceptable.
 - 2. Qualified personnel shall be used to perform examinations and inspections of materials, in-process fabrications, non-destructive tests, and acceptance tests.
 - 3. Documentation, traceability, and accountability shall be maintained for each unique pressure vessel or system, including descriptions of design, pressure, testing, operation, repair, and maintenance.
- C. Guidance: An excellent Savannah River Site "Pressure Protection Design Guide, WSRC-M-DP-G-0006," is available from the Mechanical POC and Standards Mgr.

¹³ DOE O 440.1A, Attachment 2-Contractors Requirements Document Section 20 Pressure Safety (pg 12) (WSS).

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- D. Guidance: <u>LIG 402-1200-02</u>, Inspection and Testing of Pressure Systems [formerly TB 1404].
- E. Contact the LANL Pressure Safety Committee (PSC) when required. *The PSC is responsible for approving certain pressure retaining systems, assuring that the designs are sound and meet appropriate codes, and that the proper safety practices have been implemented per LIR 402-1200-01, Pressure, Vacuum, and Cryogenic Systems.*
- F. Guidance: HSR-5 webpage: http://int.lanl.gov/safety/pressure

D2010 PLUMBING FIXTURES

1.0 GENERAL

- A. Provide water-conserving fixtures in accordance with the UPC.¹⁴
- B. Provide toilet room fixtures, lavatories, urinals, and water closets, with ADA-compliant infrared sensors for automatic no-hands operation.¹⁵
 - 1. Provide water closet flushometer with override button.
- C. Fixture counts shall be per the UPC unless specifically changed by Architectural Chapter (in Section C-C1030).
- D. Guidance: Provide sinks (kitchen, janitor closets, laboratories, etc.) with gooseneck type faucets to facilitate handling large containers.
- E. Refer to LANL Construction Specification 15410, Plumbing Fixtures, for additional requirements.

2.0 EMERGENCY EYEWASH/SHOWER EQUIPMENT

- A. Comply with ANSI/ISEA Z358.1 (1998 unless later in WSS), Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment.¹
- B. Provide tepid water to emergency equipment except for existing systems. 16
 - 1. Provide a prepackaged, fully engineered and tested, mixing valve assembly furnished and/or manufactured by the manufacturer of the emergency equipment. *Guidance: A comfortable delivered water temperature range (per ANSI Z358.1-1990, Appendix A) is 60-90 degrees F. Units are available from Haws, Bradley, etc., that provide 60-85 degree F water (factory set at 80 degrees F). Other ranges are also available.*
- C. Do not provide floor drains for eyewashes or emergency showers (to prevent inadvertent entry of contaminants into RLW systems or sanitary or storm sewer).

¹⁴ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 402.0.

¹⁵ Automatic no-hands fixtures conserve water, require less maintenance, and help to control the spread of infectious diseases.

¹⁶ ANSI/ISEA Z358.1-1998 requirements.

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- D. Refer to the following LANL Standards for additional requirements:
 - 1. Decontamination showers for rad areas: Provide tepid water per above and drain to RLW. See ESM Chapter 11, Rad Protection, for additional requirements.
 - 2. Mechanical Drawing(s) ST-D2010-1, Emergency Equipment.

D2020 POTABLE WATER

1.0 GENERAL

- Provide cross connection control devices in the building potable water system. Refer to A. Cross Connection Control Subsection above.
- Correct gas water heater selection for altitude. Refer to Mechanical Section D30GEN, B. Altitude Correction Subsection.
- C. Provide a building water pressure-regulating valve (PRV) when static pressure is in excess of 80 psi.¹
 - 1. Guidance: A setpoint of less than 60 psig may result in insufficient commode flush water for proper sewer line sweep. A PRV may be required in the building supply line or supply lines to critical equipment if fluctuations in pressure cannot be tolerated.
- D. Provide potable water to all plumbing fixtures, emergency safety showers, and eyewash units. For exceptions to plumbing fixtures located in laboratories, refer to Non-Potable Water subsection below.
- Provide potable hot water to lavatories and sinks serving office spaces.¹⁹ E.
- F. Provide a recirculation pump in the hot water system when the developed length of piping from the heater to the fixture exceeds 100 feet. Set the aquastat at 95 degrees F to control the pump. Guidance: In installations where the hot water use is fairly continuous, eliminate the thermostat and run the pump continuously. In either case, consider including a timeclock to save energy during off-hours. 20
- Guidance: Point-of-use electric tankless heaters are not recommended.²¹ G.
- H. Building water meters are typically not required. Refer to Mechanical Section D10-30GEN, Meters subsection.

¹⁷ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 608.2.

¹⁸ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 601.1.

¹⁹ LANL requirement for comfort. The UPC does not require hot water to be connected to sinks and lavatories serving office spaces.

²⁰ American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) Data Book, 1983-84, Pages 4-5, Supply Piping System (EMref-6). (Note: EMref refers to a ESM team system for managing hard-to-find reference hardcopies.)

21 LANL water is high in silica and eventually scale deposit will reduce the efficiency of the heating element, and

the unit or heating element will have to be replaced.

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- Refer to the following LANL standards for additional requirements:²² I.
 - 1. Mechanical Drawing(s) ST-D2020-1, Site/Building Water Component Diagram.
 - 2. Standard Detail ST-D2020-2, Water PRV Piping Detail.
 - 3. Construction Specification 15140, Potable and Non-Potable Water Piping.
 - 4. ESM Civil Chapter for site water distribution system (Section G30, future).

2.0 DISINFECTING

Disinfect new or repaired potable water systems in accordance with LANL Construction A. Specification 15141.²³

SANITARY WASTE D2030

1.0 GENERAL

A. Connect discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage waste piping within the building (sanitary waste) to the building sewer outside the building wall. *Guidance: The sanitary* sewer system delivers the discharge to the TA-46 sanitary wastewater system (SWWS) plant for treatment.

- Only liquid waste meeting the sanitary liquid waste (SLW) waste acceptance criteria В. (WAC) shall be routed down drains connected to the building sanitary sewer.²⁴
- C. Refer to SWO WAC (e.g., Chapter 19), for the wastewater collection system acceptance requirements.
- D. Minimize the number of floor drains in equipment rooms to prevent possible contamination (oil, etc.) transfer to the sanitary sewer system.
- E. Route drain piping from equipment close to walls or equipment to minimize a tripping hazard.
- F. For floor drains and similar trapped drains directly connected to the drainage system and subject to infrequent use, provide an automatic means of maintaining their water seal. The trap-priming device shall be accessible for maintenance.²⁵
- G. Refer to Mechanical Section D10-30GEN's "Water Discharged to the Environment and Sanitary Sewer" subsection for RRES-WQH (Water Quality and Hydrology Group) requirements when discharging water from cooling towers, equipment blowdowns, hydrostatic testing, line disinfecting, etc., into the sanitary sewer.

²² The drawings and/or specifications provide acceptable piping installation details, material specifications, and additional design criteria.

²³ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 609.9. The specification provides disinfection and testing requirements and was written by RRES-WQH, Water Quality and Hydrology Group.

²⁴ Supports LEED Rating System 2.0 (1 point), Indoor Environmental Quality - Indoor Chemical and Pollutant Source Control. (1 credit)
²⁵ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 1007.0.

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- H. Group vent pipes to minimize roof penetrations. Size and locate vents per the IAPMO UPC.
- I. Refer to the following LANL Standards for additional requirements:²⁶
 - 1. Construction Specification 15150, Sanitary Waste and Vent Piping.
 - 2. ESM Civil Chapter for site sanitary sewer system.

D2040 STORM WATER

1.0 GENERAL

- A. Design roof drain system for a 2.25 inches rainfall in a 1-hour period.²⁷
- B. Discharge primary and secondary roof drainage to the site storm sewer system. Do not connect to the building sanitary sewer system. ²⁸
 - 1. When a storm sewer is not available, consult with a LANL Utilities Group storm water representative.
- C. Storm water discharged to grade shall be approved by HSR-3, Solid Waste Management Unit/Potential Release Site (SWMU/PRS) review team, 665-7645. The required request information is available at http://www.esh.lanl.gov/%7Eesh3/ex_solwmgt.html
- D. To prevent ice build-up, do not discharge storm water on the north side of the building near doors, sidewalks, etc. Route storm water away from the building and pedestrian walkways.
 - 1. Guidance: Downspouts on the north side of the building should be located within the building and heat traced at the discharge to prevent ice build-up at the base of the downspout.
- E. Insulate storm water piping inside the building per LANL Construction Specification 15080, Mechanical Insulation.
- F. Refer to the following LANL Standards for additional requirements: ²⁶
 - 1. Construction Specification 15160, Storm Drainage Piping.
 - 2. ESM Civil Chapter for site storm drainage system.

²⁶ The drawings and/or specifications provide acceptable piping installation details, material specifications, and additional design criteria.

²⁷ LANL Tech. Report No. LA 12195-MS, August 1992, Determination of 100 Year Floor Plain Elevations at LANL/Stephen G. McLin, Fig. 2 (EMref-7).

²⁸ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Sections 306.2 and 1101.2.

D2090 OTHER PLUMBING AND PIPING SYSTEMS (P& F)

1.0 GENERAL

- A. When designing/specifying piping systems to the ASME B31.3, identify the fluid service category (*D, normal, M, high pressure, and/or severe cyclic; use B31.3 Appendix M flowchar*t). These will drive the inspection, examination, and testing required. Use of the "cookbook" P-Specs (and Fluid Service Sheets when applicable) in D20 Appendix A, LANL ASME B31.3 Process Piping Guide, is strongly preferred.
- B. Guidance: When designing or installing "process piping," follow Appendix A, <u>ASME</u>
 <u>B31.3 Process Piping Guide</u>. The definition of process piping is per B31.3 and the Guide
 [essentially, piping connecting to pressure vessels, heat exchangers, pumps, compressors,
 and other fluid handling or processing equipment; piping connecting to or within
 packaged equipment; and piping connecting to ASME B31.1 power piping regardless
 of fluid (includes gas, steam, air, water, chemicals, etc.) There are very few exclusions in
 the scope of the B31.3. Mainly they exclude (1) fire sprinkler piping (installed to NFPA
 13); (2) systems designed for 0-15 psig pressure provided the fluid is nonflammable,
 nontoxic, and not damaging to human tissue (as defined by B31.3), and whose
 temperature is between –20 deg F and 366 deg F; and (3) piping inside a vessel such as a
 boiler or condenser. ASME B31.9 Building Piping or other codes such as the Plumbing
 Code may apply].
- C. Consider the effects of erosion/corrosion, radiation, and thermal aging during the material selection process for all piping.²⁹
- D. Guidance: Polymeric seals should not be used in radiological service where failure is unacceptable and expected lifetime radiation dose is greater than material damage threshold. The exception is installations where seal replacement can be performed regularly and cost-effectively, and administrative systems ensure such replacement.³⁰
 - 1. When maintaining polymers below damage thresholds cannot be assured, metal seals are recommended. Metal seals are also preferable where outgassing or leakage is detrimental, such as in radioactive or toxic gas and high vacuum systems.
- E. Guidance: When polymeric seal materials for valve stem tips, gaskets, and gland packing, pipe joints (gaskets), and thread lubricants/sealants are used in areas exposed to radiation, follow the guidance contained in DOE Handbook 1132, Design Considerations, especially Section 11.5, Materials Considerations.

 http://tis.eh.doe.gov/techstds/standard/

²⁹ ASME B31.3, requirements. DOE-STD-1132-99.

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F. Other Guidance:

- 1. As can be seen in Table D10-30GEN-1 below, a general rule for elastomers used for sealing is that an accumulated radiation dose of 10⁶ rads represents the point at which elastomers may be losing their ability to maintain a seal, particularly in a dynamic application where resiliency is required. Radioactive gas (e.g., tritium) that can diffuse into seal materials can accelerate damage rates.
- 2. Materials containing polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) or trade name TeflonTM have significantly lower thresholds to radiation damage. A dosage of 1.7 x 10⁴ rads causes substantial damage. Common trade and commercial names of PTFE-like materials include: Algoflon, Duroid, Fluon, Fluorocomp, Gortex, Halon TFE, Kalrez perfluoroelastomer, Kel-F polychlorotrifluoroethylene, Neoflon, Polycomp, Polyflon and Teflon.
- 3. When radiation exposure can be adequately predicted and controlled below threshold damage levels, select a polymer based on expected environmental conditions including dose. Polymers with relatively higher radiation resistance include Vespel polyimide, Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polyethylene (UHMWPE), Ethylene Propylene Deiene Monomer (EPDM), and PEEK (Polyetheretheracetone).

Table D10-30GEN-1 Relative Stability of Plastics

Material	Radiation Dosage for Threshold Damage (rad)	Radiation Dosage for 25% Damage (rad)
Polystyrene	8 x 10 ⁸	4 x 10 ⁹
Phenol formaldehyde (asbestos filler)	3.9 x 10 ⁸	3.9 x 10 ⁹
Polyester (mineral filler)	8.7 x 10 ⁸	3.9 x 10°
Polyvinyl Chloride	1.9 x 10 ⁷	3.9 x 10 ⁸
Polyethylene	1.9 x 10 ⁷	9.3 x 10 ⁷
Urea formaldehyde (unfilled)	8.3 x 10 ⁶	5.1 x 10 ⁷
Monochlorotrifluoro-ehthylene	1.2 x 10 ⁶	2 x 10 ⁷
Cellulose acetate	2.7 x 10 ⁶	1.9 x 10 ⁷
Phenol formaldehyde (unfilled)	2.7 x 10 ⁶	1.1 x 10 ⁷
Methyl methacrylate	8.2 x 10 ⁵	1.1 x 10 ⁷
Polyester (unfilled)	3.4 x 10 ⁵	8.7 x 10 ⁵
Polyetrafluoroethylene (Teflon™)	1.7 x 10⁴	3.7 x 10⁴

Reference: Carroll, J.G., and Bolt, R.O., "Radiation effects on Organic Materials," Nucleonics Vol. 18, No. 9, September 1960, p.73.

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- G. Tube Bending³¹
 - 1. When selecting tubing outside the scope of the UPC and UMC, design with accounting for pressure, erosion/corrosion, and ovality and wall thinning resulting from bending in the applicable ASME code. *Guidance: ASME B31.3 bending is addressed in Appendix A. Table D2090-2 can also be used to determine wall thinning for a given bend radius.*

Table D2090-2 32

Wall Thinning when Bending Tubing				
	For Tube Bend ≤180 ⁰			
Tubing OD (inch)	Centerline Bend Radius (inch)	Centerline Calculated Bend Radius (diameters)	Wall Thinning (%)	
1/8	5/16	2.5	17	
1/4	9/16	2.25	18	
1/4	5/8	2.5	17	
1/4	3/4	3.0	14	
5/16	25/32	2.5	17	
5/16	15/16	3.0	14	
3/8	15/16	2.5	17	
1/2	1-1/4	2.5	17	
1/2	1-1/2	3.0	14	
5/8	1-9/16	2.5	17	
3/4	1-7/8	2.5	17	
1	2-1/2	2.5	17	

H. Compression Fittings

1. When using Swagelok compression fittings, install per LANL Construction Specification 15215, Compression Fittings on Copper and Stainless Steel Tubing.³³

³¹ ASME 31.3.

³² FWO Calculation Number: 00-00-CALC-M-0002.

³³ LANL Construction Specification 15215 provides detailed instructions that ensure a leak-tight installation. Its development followed a <u>Type A Accident Investigation of the March 16, 2000 Plutonium-238 Multiple Intake Event at the Plutonium Facility Los Alamos National Laboratory New Mexico dated 7/2000.</u> The spec was thoroughly researched using both DOE (SRS, Y-12) and commercial nuclear (Duke) information sources. Material compatibility is required by the ASME piping series (e.g., B31.3, Process Piping). DOE HDBK-1132-99 contains the collected knowledge of the DOE complex on compatibility and piping design. Because the specification covers copper and stainless tubing only, modifications may be required for other materials and methods - such modification should only be performed by a trained and experienced engineer.

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- 2. Installers of compression fittings shall be trained one-time by the manufacturer or an authorized distributor, or through a formal LANL course for the following applications: ³⁴
 - safety significant (SS), safety class (SC), and vital safety systems (VSS)
 - nuclear/radiological (glove boxes, wash downs, CAMs, etc.)
 - toxic systems
 - intermediate and high pressure systems (defined here as 150 psi gas/1500 psi liquid and 3000 psi gas/5000 psi liquid max allowable operating pressures, respectively)
- 3. Acceptable courses are addressed in Construction Specification 15215.
- 4. Ensure tubing and fitting materials are compatible with each other and the fluid service. Follow DOE Handbook 1132, Design Considerations, especially Section 11.5, Materials Considerations. http://tis.eh.doe.gov/techstds/standard/
- 5. Guidance: Where leakage is unacceptable, maximize the use of welded or brazed joints and minimize mechanical joints by use of tube bending and well-considered arrangements. Compression fittings do not provide the same assurance of leaktightness as welding: however, when properly installed per LANL Construction Specification 15215, they provide an economical non-welded means to join tubing that can be made and remade a number of times. In applications where space is tight, frequent remakes are likely, or leak-tightness is essential (e.g., tritium and high vacuum systems), Cajon VCR fittings are generally preferred. For extreme pressures, coned-and-threaded high-pressure fittings made by PPI and Autoclave Engineers are available.
- 6. Guidance: Use of compression fittings outside the scope of LANL Construction Specification 15215 should be at the written direction of a technical person familiar with their application and use.³⁵

I. Testing

 Test piping systems in accordance with LANL Construction Specification <u>15992</u>, Testing Piping Systems.^{36.}

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³⁴ Corrective action for <u>Type A Accident Investigation of the March 16, 2000 Plutonium-238 Multiple Intake Event at the Plutonium Facility Los Alamos National Laboratory New <u>Mexico</u> dated 7/2000 at http://tis.eh.doe.gov/oversight/reports/accidents/typea/0003lanl/html/; LANL Notice 51 response; concurrence of PS and FWO Div Leaders 3/31/04 [EMRef23]</u>

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³⁶ Piping tests are code requirements per the 1997 IAPMO UPC and UMC, and nationally recognized codes such as ASME B31.1, ASME B31.9, etc. The specification provides reporting and testing requirements for specific piping systems.

- 2. Hazardous and Nuclear Only: Design to facilitate decontamination and demolition; include:³⁷
 - a. Equipment, including effluent decontamination equipment, which precludes, to the extent practicable, the accumulation of radioactive or other hazardous materials in relatively inaccessible areas, including curves and turns in piping. Accessible, removable covers for inspection and cleanouts are encouraged.
- b. Provisions for flushing and/or cleaning contaminated or potentially contaminated piping systems.
- c. Piping systems that carry contaminated or potentially contaminated liquid that free drain via gravity where possible.

2.0 COMPRESSED AIR INCLUDING BREATHING AIR

2.1 General

- A. Determine actual delivered air (acfm) requirements, remembering that with a compressed air system there is a good possibility of sizable diversity in demand.
- B. Design piping to eliminate areas where water may accumulate, i.e., slope piping to oil/water separators, specify drain valves or traps at low points, etc.
- C. Provide an oil/water separator (torpedo) in drain piping from a lubricated compressor system that discharges into the sanitary sewer. Oil-less/oil-free compressor piping systems do not require an oil/water separator but do require an automatic drain valve. Refer to the compressed air piping drawings referenced below for details.³⁸
- Refer to the following LANL Standards for additional requirements: ³⁹ D.
 - Mechanical Drawing(s) ST-D2090-1, Compressed Air Piping.
 - 2. Construction Specification 15211, Compressed Air Systems.
- E. Guidance: Generally accepted practice is to allow 10 percent of the proposed system pressure for pipe friction loss. When computing the total friction drop in the piping, the friction in the fittings and valves must be considered and the total equivalent length used. It is also considered good practice to oversize the distribution lines to allow for further growth and to allow for future addition of equipment that may add a pressure drop not anticipated at the time of original design.

2.2 **Altitude Correction**

A. Derate the compressor free air delivered listed in the manufacturer's catalog data for altitude and temperature. Refer to ESM Mechanical Section D30GEN, Altitude Correction Subsection.

³⁷ DOE G 420.1-1, s 3.7.3.

An oil/water separator is required in order for the liquid waste from the compressed air system to meet the

sanitary liquid waste acceptance criteria

39 The drawings and specification provide piping diagrams for different types of compressors (oil-less, tank mounted, etc.), component specifications, and additional design requirements.

2.3 Definitions⁴⁰

- A. Aftercooler: Heat exchanger (air or water) for cooling air discharged from compressor; provide effective means of removing moisture from compressed air.
- B. Approach Temperature: The number of degrees above the temperature of the cooling medium (air or water) to which the aftercooler reduces the compressed air temperature.
- C. Delivered Air (acfm): Actual volume of air that is produced from the compressor discharge at the operating temperature and pressure.
- D. Dew Point: The temperature at which condensate will begin to form if the air is cooled at a constant pressure. At this point, the relative humidity is 100 percent.
- E. Free Air: Air at atmospheric conditions at any specific location. Because the altitude, barometric pressure, and temperature may vary at different locations, it follows that this term does not mean air under identical or standard conditions.
- F. Instrument Air: Refer to ISA 7.0.01, Quality Standard for Instrument Air (formerly ANSI/ISA S7.0.01), for the 4 elements (pressure dew point, particle size, lubricant content, and contaminants) of instrument air quality for use in pneumatic instruments.
- G. Oil-Free: The term generally applies to the condition of the air either when it leaves the compressor, or after filtration. An oil-free compressor will have no lubrication on the compression side of the machine. However this may not result in oil-free compressed air, simply due to the fact that the ambient air (or, for reciprocating compressors, crankcase oil being sucked past the rings) going into the compressor may contain hydrocarbons.
- H. Oil-Less Compressor: A compressor that has a complete absence of any lubricating fluids and produces oil-less compressed air. A small reciprocating compressor with PTFE piston rings and PTFE bearer rings, sealed for life bearings and no sump oil would be called an oil-less compressor.
- I. Pressure Dew Point: The temperature at which water vapor will begin to condensate inside a pipeline at a given pressure.
- J. Standard Air: Air at a temperature of 68 degrees F, at a pressure of 14.7 psia, and a relative humidity of 36 percent (0.075 density, lbs/cu ft).
- K. Torpedo: A LANL developed and patented oil/water separator.

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⁴⁰ Definitions A, D, E, I, and J are from the Compressed Air and Gas Handbook, 5th Edition. (EMref-8) Definitions B and 1C are from Van Air Systems, Inc. catalog data/representative (EMref-9). Oil free/less definitions from EngineeringToolBox.com

2.4 System Components

- A. Aftercooler: Equip each compressor with an aftercooler sized to provide a 5 to 20 degrees F approach temperature. Guidance: For most systems, use an air-cooled type aftercooler. For larger compressed air systems, it maybe more efficient to use a water-to-air heat exchanger with a chilled water or tower water source. Most rotary screws include an aftercooler as a standard feature. Means for automatic drainage (mechanical air/water separator) should be provided downstream of the aftercooler. Mechanical air/water separator traps are standard on most rotary screws and optional on reciprocating, tank-mounted compressor packages. If tank-mounted unit has an electric automatic drain valve, the mechanical air/water separator is optional.
- B. Air Dryers: Use a refrigerated air dryer (35 38 degrees F pressure dew point) when the compressed air system ambient temperature is always 40 degrees F and above. For portions of system below 40 degrees F ambient temperature, use a regenerative air dryer (minus 40 degree F pressure dew point). Note: Heatless regenerative air dryers consume 5 to 18 percent of compressed air capacity.
- C. Intake Air Piping: Take intake air from the cleanest possible location. Avoid air intakes from dirty locations within the building, and hot (greater than 100 degrees F) or humid locations.
- D. Air Intake Filter: Equip the compressor inlet with a filter to remove dirt from the air. *Guidance: An optional muffler/silencer should be considered if compressor noise is a problem.*
- E. Receiver: Equip each reciprocating air compressor with a receiver tank to dampen pulsations. Provide a receiver tank with a pressure gauge, safety relief valve, and drain valve, and an ASME code-stamped tank.
- F. Mechanical Air/Water Separator: Provide separators with the compressor package to remove water that has condensed in the aftercooler of the compressor.
- G. Sound Attenuation: For applications requiring low noise (below 85 dBa), specify a sound enclosure for a rotary screw compressor or intake filter/silencers and/or mufflers for reciprocating compressors. (Consult compressor manufacturer for availability).

2.5 Outdoor Installation

- A. To protect the unit from weather and freezing, equip the compressor with the following:
 - 1. TEFC motors and NEMA 4 controls, starters, and pressure switches.
 - 2. Heaters as recommended by manufacturer.
 - 3. Watertight intake filters.
 - 4. Heat-tape for air/water separators and any other condensate drain piping.

⁴¹ Prevents condensate freeze-up.

2.6 Compressed Air Quality Guidance⁴²

A. As illustrated in Table D2090-3 below, a number of different air quality levels exist:

Table D2090-3

Quality	Likely Applications at LANL		
Plant Air	Air tools, general use		
Instrument Air	Climate control (damper actuators and pneumatic controls), lab use, paint spraying. Should meet ISA 7.0.01, Quality Standard for Instrument Air. System recognized by ESM Chapter 1 Section 210.		
Process Air	Special processes sometimes requiring higher cleanliness		
Breathing Air	Contamination Area supplied-air systems, requirements per ESM Chapter 11, Radiation Protection. System recognized by ESM Ch 1 Section 210.		

- 1. **NOTE:** Standards do not exist for all levels above; when using these terms, actual specs for quality should be given.
- 2. In addition to ISA and CGA standards above, ISO 8573 provides detailed standards on air quality classes for various levels of particulate, moisture, and lubricant contaminants. These are provided for reference only in Table D2090-4 below.

Table D2090-4

ISO 8573 Class	Max Oil Content	Max Particle Size		Dil Content Max Particle Size Pressure De		tent Max Particle Size Pressure Dewp	ontent Max Particle Size Pressu	Content Max Particle Size Pressur		Max Par	Dewpoint
	g/m³	μm	mg/m³	°C/°F	g/m³						
1	0.01	0.1	0.1	-70/-94	0.003						
2	0.1	1	1	-40/-40	0.12						
3	1	5	5	-20/-4	0.88						
4	5	15	8	3/37	6						
5	25	40	10	7/45	7.8						
6				10/50	9.4						
7				Not sp	ecified						
ISA 7.0.01-1996 (ref)	1 ррт	40, less if req'd	particle "free"	4/39 max an below a							
Breathing Air CGA 7.1 Gr D (ref)	.005	None implied	None implied	No I	imit						

3.0 NATURAL GAS

A. Supply 7 inches water column gas pressure to indoor equipment unless a higher pressure is required for boilers, etc. 43

B. Gas meters are typically not required. Refer to Mechanical Section D10-30GEN, Meters Subsection, and Civil Chapter (*Section G30, future*).

⁴² Advanced Management of Compressed Air Systems/ c 1999, The Compressed Air Challenge.

⁴³ NFPA 54, 1999, Section 2.8.1. 7-inch water column gas pressure is accepted industry standard.

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- C. Locate gas pressure regulator vents and stacks so that gas is safely discharged into the atmosphere. Locate gas regulator not less than 10 feet horizontally from intake air devices, e.g., louvers, fans, doors, windows etc.⁴⁴
- D. Refer to the following LANL standards for additional requirements: ⁷
 - 1. Civil Drawing(s) ST-G3060-2, Gas Regulation Station.
 - 2. Construction Specification 15195, Natural Gas Piping.
 - 3. ESM Civil Chapter for site natural gas distribution system.
- E. Comply with the requirements of the UPC, UMC, ASME B31.8, and NFPA 54.

4.0 NON-POTABLE WATER

- A. Separate non-potable water from potable water. Refer to D20GEN, Cross Connection Control Subsection above.
- B. Provide non-potable cold water (and hot water when required) to fixtures (e.g., sinks, hose bibs) located in laboratories, except for restrooms located within the laboratory. The user will identify laboratory fixtures requiring hot water.⁴⁵
- C. Provide a recirculation pump in the hot water system when the developed length of piping from the heater to the fixture exceeds 100 feet. Set the aquastat at 95 degrees F to control the pump. Guidance: In installations where the hot water use is fairly continuous, eliminate the thermostat and run the pump continuously. In either case, consider including a timeclock to save energy during off-hours. 46
- D. Guidance: Point of use electric tankless heaters are not recommended.⁴⁷
- E. Label each fixture served by non-potable water. 48
- F. Provide non-potable water for make-up to HVAC piping systems.⁴⁹
- G. Provide make-up line on the suction side of the pump with a pressure reducing valve, isolation valves, and 1-inch minimum quick fill line.
- H. Discharging water to the environment or sanitary sewer from a "once through" system (e.g., water-cooled equipment, water-seal vacuum pumps, etc.) is not permitted unless approved by RRES-WQH, Water Quality and Hydrology Group. ⁵⁰

⁴⁴ NEPA 54, 1999, Section 2.9.7. The 10 feet dimension is a LANL requirement.

⁴⁵ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 602.

⁴⁶ American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) Data Book, 1983-84, pages 4-5, Supply Piping System (EMref 6).

⁽EMref 6).

47 LANL water is high in silica and eventually scale deposit will reduce the efficiency of the heating element and the unit or heating element will have to be replaced.

⁴⁸ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 601.2.

⁴⁹ 1997 IAPMO UPC, Sections 603.4.11 and 603.4.12.

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- I. Flush and chemically treat non-potable HVAC systems and flush non-potable water systems serving non-potable plumbing fixtures. Non-potable water systems do not require disinfecting.⁵¹
- J. Refer to the following LANL standards for additional requirements: 10
 - 1. Mechanical Drawing(s) ST-D2020-1, Site/Building Water Component Diagram.
 - 2. Mechanical Drawing(s) ST-D3030-1 and ST-D30GEN-1, (non-potable make-up piping to HVAC systems).
 - 3. Construction Specification 15140, Potable and Non-Potable Water Piping.
 - 4. Construction Specification 15180, Heating and Cooling Water Piping.
 - 5. Construction Specification 15185, Flushing and Chemical Treatment of Non-Potable Water Systems.
 - 6. ESM Civil Chapter for site water distribution system.

5.0 RADIOACTIVE SERVICE GENERAL GUIDANCE

- A. Follow the guidance contained in DOE Handbook 1132, Design Considerations, http://tis.eh.doe.gov/techstds/standard/appframe.html
- B. Guidance: Polymeric seals should not be used in radiological service where failure is unacceptable and expected lifetime radiation dose is greater than material damage threshold. The exception is installations where seal replacement can be performed regularly and cost-effectively, and administrative systems ensure such replacement 52
 - 1. When maintaining polymers below damage thresholds cannot be assured, metal seals are recommended. Metal seals are also preferable where outgassing or leakage is detrimental, such as in radioactive or toxic gas and high vacuum systems.
- C. Guidance: When polymeric seal materials for valve stem tips, gaskets, and gland packing, pipe joints (gaskets), and thread lubricants/sealants are used in areas exposed to radiation, see DOE Handbook 1132 Section 11.5, Materials Considerations.

⁵⁰ Memo from Harvey Decker, ESH-18 (RRES-WQH), dated 8/29/00, states: (EMref-5)

[&]quot;Laboratory is aggressively pursuing a "zero" discharge status for all NPDES permitted outfalls (and all discharges in general). As part of this program waste minimization and water conservation are the main drivers. ESH-18 (RRES-WQH) has been working for several years to eliminate all "once through" type of equipment at the Laboratory. Additionally, especially in the area of water seal vacuum pumps, the Laboratory has experienced contamination of the discharged cooling water to the SWS plant, which has or had the potential for NPDES Permit violations. These types of discharges to the SWS plant may be considered for acceptance on a one by one basis but the SWS WAC (Waste Profile Form Guidance, <u>LIG 404-00-03</u> should be followed). Other information can be found at the Water Pollution Control <u>LIR 404-50-01</u> pages 9, 10, and 11 and General Waste Management Requirements <u>LIR 404-00-02</u>, section 5.4.3."

Not a code requirement. 1997 IAPMO UPC, Section 609.9.

⁵² DOE-STD-1132-99; FWO-MSE Course EDS 212416, "Teflon Sealing Material Selection and Maintenance," 12/2000, W. Radzinski; and Type A Accident Investigation of the March 16, 2000 Plutonium-238 Multiple Intake Event at the Plutonium Facility Los Alamos National Laboratory New Mexico dated 7/2000, LANL Notice 51 response.

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- D. As can be seen in Table D2090-1 below, a general rule for elastomers used for sealing is that an accumulated radiation dose of 10⁶ rads represents the point at which elastomers may be losing their ability to maintain a seal, particularly in a dynamic application where resiliency is required. Radioactive gas (e.g., tritium) that can diffuse into seal materials can accelerate damage rates.
- E. Materials containing polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) or trade name TeflonTM have significantly lower thresholds to radiation damage. A dosage of 1.7 x 10⁴ rads causes substantial damage. Common trade and commercial names of PTFE-like materials include: Algoflon, Duroid, Fluon, Fluorocomp, Gortex, Halon TFE, Kalrez perfluoroelastomer, Kel-F polychlorotrifluoroethylene, Neoflon, Polycomp, Polyflon and Teflon.
- F. When radiation exposure can be adequately predicted and controlled below threshold damage levels, select a polymer based on expected environmental conditions including dose. Polymers with relatively higher radiation resistance include Vespel polyimide, Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polyethylene (UHMWPE), Ethylene Propylene Deiene Monomer (EPDM), and PEEK (Polyetheretheracetone).

Table D2090-1
Relative Stability of Plastics

Relative Stability of Flastics					
Material	Radiation Dosage for Threshold Damage (rad)	Radiation Dosage for 25% Damage (rad)			
Polystyrene	8 x 10 ⁸	4 x 10 ⁹			
Phenol formaldehyde (asbestos filler)	3.9 x 10 ⁸	3.9 x 10°			
Polyester (mineral filler)	8.7 x 10 ⁸	3.9 x 10°			
Polyvinyl Chloride	1.9 x 10 ⁷	3.9 x 10 ⁸			
Polyethylene	1.9 x 10 ⁷	9.3 x 10 ⁷			
Urea formaldehyde (unfilled)	8.3 x 10 ⁶	5.1 x 10 ⁷			
Monochlorotrifluoro-ethylene	1.2 x 10 ⁶	2 x 10 ⁷			
Cellulose acetate	2.7 x 10 ⁶	1.9 x 10 ⁷			
Phenol formaldehyde (unfilled)	2.7 x 10 ⁶	1.1 x 10 ⁷			
Methyl methacrylate	8.2 x 10 ⁵	1.1 x 10 ⁷			
Polyester (unfilled)	3.4 x 10 ⁵	8.7 x 10 ⁵			
Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon™)	1.7 x 10⁴	3.7 x 10⁴			

Reference: Carroll, J.G., and Bolt, R.O., "Radiation effects on Organic Materials," Nucleonics Vol. 18, No. 9, September 1960, p.73.

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6.0 RADIOACTIVE LIQUID WASTE

- A. Only liquid waste meeting the radioactive liquid waste (RLW) waste acceptance criteria (WAC) shall be routed down drains connected to the Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facilities (RLWTF) at TA-50 and TA-53.
 - 1. Contact FWO-WFM for the RLW collection system requirements, e.g., acceptable waste criteria, collection system pipeline design, fixture and pipeline labeling, etc.
 - 2. Refer to Mechanical Section D10-30GEN, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes Subsection, for amendment to IAPMO UMC, Chapter 14, Process Piping.
 - 3. If an RLW site collection system is not available, liquid waste meeting the RLW WAC shall be collected in appropriate containers or tanks. Contact FWO-WFM, RRES-SWRC, Solid Waste Regulatory Compliance Group, or the site waste management coordinator for collection and disposal requirements.

7.0 PROCESS LIQUID WASTE

A. Process liquid waste, either hazardous or non-hazardous, but **not** meeting the sanitary liquid waste (SLW) waste acceptance criteria (WAC) or the radioactive liquid waste (RLW) WAC shall be collected in appropriate containers or tanks. Contact RRES-SWRC, Solid Waste Regulatory Compliance Group, or the site waste management coordinator for regulatory requirements -- e.g., collection, disposal, fixture/piping labeling, etc.

8.0 VACUUM

Most vacuum systems are governed by ASME B31.3; when the case, these shall comply with it.

9.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1: ASME B31.3 Process Piping Guide Programmatic & Facility